

TOWN OF IPSWICH - MASSACHUSETTS

Ipswich Shellfish Advisory Committee to the Board of Selectman Tuesday, January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Shellfish Advisory Committee to the Board of Selectman was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in room C of the Town Hall. Members present were Chairperson Elizabeth Kilcoyne, Charles Surpitski, Wayne Castonguay, Linda Alexson, David Swicker. Police Chief Paul Nikas arrived 7:35 p.m. Recording Secretary Marie Rodgers was also present. Brenda Turner and Shellfish Constable Scott LaPreste were not present.

Due to a conflict in scheduling, room A was not available. It was decided that in the future when there is a room change, members will be notified and the meeting will be re-scheduled in order to be sure the meetings are video taped and televised.

Citizen's Queries – Ms. Alexson wanted it to be known that when applying for a bed certificate at the Division of Marine Fisheries' local office in Gloucester, payment must be made by check or money order; cash is not accepted. This issue will be brought to the Chief's attention and placed on the clam line, so folks will know.

Shellfish Constable's Report was not available. Ms. Kilcoyne related her conversation with Mr. LaPreste concerning testing, it was too wet and testing did not take place; the river remains closed.

Mr. Castonguay updated the Committee on the town program for ongoing testing and monitoring has been delayed; he has not received the go ahead from Tim Henry, Director of Utilities, who has delegated the task to Vickie Halmen, town engineer. The town has two labs; the sewer lab will do the testing. He will continue to work out the details.

Rules and Regulations Edit Review:

The Committee reviewed the edits to the Rules and Regulations. Lengthy discussions were held and comments made; no substantial changes were made.

It was agreed that amended dates will be placed at the end of the document.

Discussions led to questions and it was agreed to charge Constable LaPreste with the questions of:

- ▶ Why are oysters be sold, but not sea clams;
- ▶ Recommend \$50 is paid to the enhancement fund for over 70 commercial clammers and require a task or payment.;
- ▶ Chief Nikas will place the information about Gloucester not accepting cash for a bed certificate on the clam line.
- ▶ Check with Constable and determine if there's a problem with rules for summer residents in section 4.

Mr. Swicker initiated discussion and suggested resource studies on the mussels; it's a question for Constable.

- ▶ why mussels have disappeared;

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Ms. Alexson initiated discussion concerning the definition of “head of household”; and contemplates raising the fees for Family permit; after thoughtful comments, members decided it was not an issue and to leave it the way it is.

Seasonal permits were discussed at length; no changes were made.

The Committee’s review ended with non-resident recreational permits; the next meeting will start with reviewing edits in Section 7.

(documents used are hereby listed - 16 pages, titled Town of Ipswich Massachusetts Shellfish Rules and Regulations Amended through May 1st, 2012 – with minor edits)

New Business: Ms. Alexson related her research for state funding for public aquaculture programs and cited MGL Ch 130 section 20A. (this information will be shared with the Constable?)

Meeting schedule for the year was discussed. And it was agreed to skip the February meeting. It was noted that the Finance Committee meets every second Tuesday and the Shellfish Advisory Committee should try to avoid scheduling on the second Tuesday.

Next Meeting –Tuesday, March 5, 2013 @ 7:00 PM

April 2, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

May 7, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

June 4, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

omit July

August 6, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

September 17th, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

October 1, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

November 5, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

December 3, 2013 @ 7:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

► **Mr. Swicker moved to accept the minutes of December 4, 2012 as submitted. Mr. Castonguay seconded, the motion passed unanimously.**

(hereby incorporated by reference December 4, 2012 minutes.)

Adjourn:

It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Rodgers

These minutes were approved with minor revisions on March 5, 2013.